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SUBJECT: U.S. - ROMANIAN JOINT STATEMENT ON DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL TRADE

REF: A. STATE 013991 B. BUCHAREST 2301

1. STEFAN BURCA, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATION, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, CALLED AT USDA JUNE 18 TO WORK ON DRAFT JOINT STATEMENT ON DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL TRADE. BURCA BROUGHT WITH HIM DRAFT PROTOCOL ON AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION AND DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WHICH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HE HOPES TO SIGN WITH UNIVERSITIES OF NEBRASKA AND CALIFORNIA AND IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

2. USING DRAFT TRANSMITTED BUCHAREST BY REF. A, NEW

DRAFT OF JOINT STATEMENT WAS DEVELOPED. DRAFT POUCHED TO ECONOMIC COUNSELLOR FOR TRANSMITTAL TO BURCA, WHO UNDERSTANDS THAT THIS VERSION IS ONLY CLEAN DRAFT OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED IN MEETING AND HAS NOT BEEN CLEARED WITHIN USDA AND WITH INTERESTED WASHINGTON AGENCIES. CLEARED DRAFT FOLLOWS BY CABLE FOR TRANSMITTAL TO GOR, HOPEFULLY IN ABOUT ONE WEEK.

3. BURCA AND FAS AGREED THAT TWO SIDES WOULD ATTEMPT TO HAVE FINAL VERSION OF JOINT STATEMENT READY FOR SIGNATURE DURING AGRICULTURE MINISTER MICULESCU'S VISIT IN SEPTEMBER. BECAUSE DRAFT CONTAINS LANGUAGE ON MFN, SIGNING CANNOT TAKE PLACE BEFORE CONGRESS ACTS ON TRADE AGREEMENT AND MFN. BURCA AND FAS ALSO AGREED TO HOLD MEETING OF WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURAL TRADE JUST RPIRO TO FALL MEETING OF U.S. ROMANIAN JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION AND TO DEVELOP OVER SUMMER DRAFTS OF THREE APPENDICES TO MINUTES OF WG MEETING:

I. EXCHANGE OF ECONOMIC DATA -- FAS PRESENTED BURCA WITH LIST OF DATA DESIRED AND BURCA UNDERTOOK TO DEVELOP AND OBTAIN GOR CLEARANCE FOR DATA SCHEDULE EQUIVALENT TO FAS REQUEST PRIOR TO MICULESCU VISIT.

II. COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY -- USDA WILL REWRITE PROTOCOL PRESENTED BY BURCA AND TRANSMIT TO GOR THROUGH EMBASSY BUCHAREST BY LATE JULY. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT APPENDIX WOULD SPECIFY ONE TO THREE AREAS FOR IMMEDIATE COOPERATIVE WORK AND OUTLINE OTHER POSSIBILITIES FOR FUTURE WHEN FUNDS AND MANPOWER AVAILABLE.

III. AGRIBUSINESS COOPERATION -- BURCA WILL PREPARE DRAFT AND TRANSMIT TO FAS BY LATE JULY SO THAT ROMANIAN INTERESTS CAN BE CONSIDERED AND U.S. DRAFT CAN BE PREPARED PRIOR TO WG MEETING.

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4. DISCUSSIONS WITH BURCA ACCOMPLISHED MOST OF WHAT TEAM PROPOSED REF. B. PARA. 5 WAS TO HAVE DONE IN JULY, EXCEPT THAT DETAILED APPENDICES REMAIN TO BE WORKED OUT.

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